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Alabama's ABC 33/40 has decided **NOT** to air the April 30th "Coming Out" episode of *Ellen* . . . This is an open attack on lesbians and gays and blatant censorship. Contact ABC 33/40 and tell them **you won't stand for it!**

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not to air *Ellen* on April 30.
You are discriminating against
lesbians and gays, practicing
censorship and telling all of
America that Alabama is a
backward, hateful place.

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Ellen's coming out, but not on 33/40

By **Scottie Vickery**
News staff writer

When Ellen opens her closet door, Birmingham viewers won't see it.

Alabama's ABC 33/40 has decided not to carry the episode of *Ellen*, in which the lead character, Ellen Morgan, announces that she's a lesbian. The show was scheduled to air here April 30 at 8 p.m.

"We do not think it is appropriate for family viewing," said Jerry Heilman, president and general manager of the station. "Our stance right now is that we will not be showing the first episode (on April 30). There's a possibility we won't carry any of the episodes in May if it deals with the same thing. We'll take it an episode at a time."

Heilman said the station tried to get permission from ABC to delay the episode until 11:30 p.m., "what we consider an adult time." But the network said the station could not do that.

"We have two choices. Either you



DeGeneres

carry it straight up or you don't carry it," Heilman said. "So we decided not to carry it."

Lana Metcalf, policy analyst for the Alabama Family Alliance, commended the station for the

move. "I think it's certainly a harmful episode and not conducive to families," she said. "We've heard from different homosexual groups that they're hoping to use this particular episode as a jumpstart for more explicit episodes. That's certainly one of my main concerns."

The pastor of a Woodlawn church that serves a largely homosexual congregation said the show would give viewers some insight into what every gay person experiences in coming out.

his shoulder and elbow, publicist Lisa Kasteller said from Los Angeles.

As a result, Reeve, who was paralyzed in a 1995 horse-riding accident, did not need a cast, she said.

The accident occurred

"got out of sync," Reeve told *USA Today*.

He said he couldn't feel the pain of the break and only knew something was wrong when his arm began to swell. He said the fall was "just bad luck."

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I'm in excell

"If I could go to bed every night knowing that, if I beyond my wildest dreams."

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Niemi

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But there are other factors in his decision to leave.

Niemi said he began wondering about his future after the two key UAB officials who recruited him announced they were leaving. Claude Bennett and Kenneth Roozen quit last year as president and provost, respectively.

Also, Niemi's high salary was a sticky issue on and off campus. And the reaction was harsh to his plans to start a degree program at UAB similar to one already offered at the system's oldest campus in Tuscaloosa.

"The obvious affection for that institution (at Tuscaloosa) was

berg Jr. of Birmingham disagreed with Niemi's perception that the board favored Tuscaloosa over Birmingham.

"The issue was not Tuscaloosa," Bromberg said. "The issue was duplication, and in this state that is a very bad word right now. You have to work through these things. You don't just snap your fingers and get a medical school at Auburn or an executive MBA at UAB." Bromberg said he wished Niemi was staying.

In political circles, Niemi was known less by his name and more by his salary. The \$290,000 figure was batted around by legislators as an example of higher education's extravagance.

"That contract was really diversionary," said UA trustee Cleo Thomas Jr. and distracted from

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"This isn't a bad thing for people in families to see because ... there is somebody who has to take that step in every family," said Covenant Metropolitan Community Church pastor Marge Ragona.

"We're very sad that ABC 33/40 will not show this process to the world at large," she added. "People seem to think it's a choice. Actually it's a discovery, and Ellen is making that discovery on her program, and it's something that families ought to see and not have a station so frightened by the religious right that they will not deal with the realities of life, and this is just another of the realities of life."

One viewer, Glenda Kennedy, said she had no concerns about the content of the episode at all. In fact, she and her husband and 9-year-old son were looking forward to watching the show together.

"It's one of our favorite shows," she said. "When you look at all the blood and guts that the network shows, it's hard to see how they can

pull a show that's so tastefully done and has such a great following. And it's especially hard to understand that they've showed every episode leading up to the grand finale, and then won't show the grand finale. It seems like a form of censorship."

Heilman said the decision was not based on pressure from viewers. "There really hasn't been a lot of pressure either way," he said. "We thought by delaying it, we probably

had a very good solution to it. But as it turns out, they (ABC) won't let us do it."

The show's star, Ellen DeGeneres, came out herself in the current issue of *Time* magazine, saying that she is gay. "For me, this has been the most freeing experience because people can't hurt me anymore," she said in the magazine. "I don't have to worry about somebody saying something about me, or a reporter trying to find out information. Literally, as soon as I made this decision, I lost weight. My skin cleared up. I don't have anything to be scared of, which I think outweighs whatever else happens in my career."

ABC announced last month that Ellen Morgan would come out in the special one-hour episode. Since then, several major companies — including General Motors, Chrysler, J.C. Penney and Johnson & Johnson — have withdrawn their sponsorship of the show, following pressure from the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

News staff writer Tom Gordon contributed to this report.

EDITOR'S NOTE

One of the sites for free parenting workshops that will be held on five consecutive Saturdays was left out of a story in Wednesday's *Birmingham News*. The workshops also will be held in Bessemer City Schools in the Jonesboro Elementary School Auditorium, 125 Owen Ave. The workshops will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on each Saturday from April 12 through May 10. To register, call Priscilla Dunn or Anita Parkin at 481-9814 or 481-9868.

"We've been trained by the mental health department and we'll continue to learn how to cope with the day-to-day, to know what you can do and what you can't do," said Ray Davis, co-administrator and one of the owners of Golden Oaks.

"Not everybody can work here," said Janice Rogers, the other co-administrator and the study project coordinator for Golden Oaks. "You have to have compassion, be loving, and be very, very patient."

Davis and Mrs. Rogers have worked in regular assisted-living homes for a number of years.

Before this month's pilot program, state health department regulations prohibited anyone diagnosed with dementia from living in one of the state's more than 200 assisted-living homes. The state also required residents in those homes to be able to dress themselves and escape by themselves in case of fire.

Such requirements forced patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia to live in nursing homes, at greater cost.

One moving force behind the trial program is Dr. Richard Powers, a University of Alabama at Birmingham faculty member

Mobutu to resign as prime minister

By **Donna Bryson**
Associated Press writer

KINSHASA, Zaire — President Mobutu Sese Seko had soldiers pull the prime minister off the streets Wednesday as his reign appeared to crumble even further. The White House, meanwhile, urged him to resign to make way for a democratic government, calling his three-decade dictatorship "a creature of history."

The Zairian president, who had declared a nationwide state of emergency on Tuesday in response to rebel advances, named an army general as the new prime minister. Gen. Likulia Bolongo had previously served Mobutu as defense minister and army chief of staff.

Likulia promised a crackdown on civil liberties, saying his primary goal was "the restoration of public order."

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33/40 apparently first to refuse to air 'Ellen'

By **Scottie Vickery**
News staff writer

Alabama's ABC 33/40 seems to be the first station in the country to decide not to show an upcoming episode of *Ellen* in which the main character announces she's a lesbian.

ABC spokeswoman Anne Marie Riccatelli said Thursday she is not aware of any other of its 223 affiliates that has refused to air the episode or asked permission to air it in a later time slot.

"We will not know until probably

"It's just a pain in the neck to have somebody else deciding what I am going to put in my brain."

Marge Ragona
pastor of Covenant
Metropolitan Community Church

two days before the show," she said. "It is the prerogative of the local stations to program how they see fit."

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owned residence.

■ \$19,556 for motels and hotels while traveling.

■ \$7,841 on video and camera equipment.

■ \$8,844 on food, including \$1,230 at Ruth's Chris Steak House, \$681 at Arman's at Park Lane, \$271.40 at Hooter's Restaurant, and \$697.74 for alcohol from Dee's Package Store. Wallace said the alcohol was served at parties he gave for zoo volunteers and staff, and the meals were all for business purposes.

Wallace said each of those charges was approved by the AZS, and AZS officials agree.

those accounts will remain closed for now.

Jackson's observations were supported by Letson's letter to the executive committee in early June 1996.

"In our review of the credit card charges for meals and entertainment, the business purpose of the meeting was not noted on all invoices. This information should be in detail on each charge. Also, expense reports are not being approved and in some cases, the proper documentation of receipts are not attached," Letson wrote.

Letson also cited improvements to the zoo director's home without any record of prior approval for the ex-

Rally

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Representatives passed a resolution, authored by Aderholt, that lends congressional support for displaying the Ten Commandments in government offices and courthouses. Sessions and Shelby have introduced an

Coalition rallies against ABC 33/40 for no 'Ellen'

By **Chanda Temple**

News staff writer

David White always turned to Alabama ABC 33/40 for television news, but when the station announced it will not air an episode of *Ellen* where the main character says she's gay, White changed channels.

"I just reintroduced myself to Janet Hall," White said of the Channel 6 anchorwoman. "They're my first choice now."

White, state coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama, said he stopped watching the ABC affiliate after president and general manager Jerry Heilman said earlier this month that this Wednesday's episode was not appropriate for family viewing.

Since that decision, White and others have urged people to boycott the station. On Monday, he asked a crowd of more than 100 at a rally on Birmingham's Southside not to watch the channel.

The rally in Magnolia Park was sponsored by the 2-week-old Coalition Against Censorship, formed after the station announced it was pulling the *Ellen* episode. The coalition includes the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance, Birmingham Free-thought Society, American Civil Liberties Union, and other groups and individuals.

Birmingham Pride Alabama, however, has rented Boutwell Auditorium, where the episode will be televised via satellite at 8 p.m. The group will take \$5 donations, and tickets will be sold through Ticketlink and the Boutwell box office. Reserved seating will be \$15, said Kevin Snow, a Birmingham Pride member.

"Myself along with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Birmingham Pride Alabama... and a lot of citizens in Birmingham are going to make sure that you have the opportunity to turn on, come out or turn off and close your eyes," Snow said. "That is your choice."

"We're having a party from 6 to 11 to welcome Ellen out," Snow said. "It just happens that in the middle of the party the episode will be shown."

threaten someone with the intent of harming them. The law makes stalking punishable by at least one year in prison with a maximum sentence of 10 years.

By February, Chancellor said, his wife was frantic.

"She was basically terrified. She wasn't sleeping," he said.

The revelation surprised police who spent much of the day working on the case.

"I can't believe it," said Birmingham homicide Detective James Blanton, who held the photo lineup. "In all my years of policing, I've never experienced anything like it. And I've experienced a lot of things."

Before that, he had worked as a lobbyist for the Alabama Hospital Association, as an aide to Bill Baxley in the attorney general's office and lieutenant governor's office, and as an assistant to Robert Vance when the late federal judge was chairman of the state Democratic Party.

Though Sumner said he originally had been reluctant to apply for the ethics job, he said he is now convinced he needed a new challenge.

"I'm excited, I'm thrilled to death, I'm very, very happy with everything. Everything's been real positive so far. I guess that ends tomorrow," he said with a laugh.

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nd issue on agenda

state buildings and beautify the Capitol grounds.

The borrowing plan for parks would require approval both by state lawmakers and by voters in a statewide referendum.

James last year pushed for a plan that supporters believed would raise \$60 million over six years for construction and repairs at aging state parks.

James created the windfall by limiting to \$900 a month the amount a retail store can keep in return for collecting the state sales tax.

But cutting the sales-tax discount for retail stores is raising only about \$8 million a year, not the expected \$10 million, according to Bob Macrory, the assistant state conservation commissioner.

And costs for repairs at park lodges, motel rooms and

That's why Conservation Department officials want to borrow the \$80 million, using money from the reduction of the sales-tax discount to help repay the debt, Macrory said.

Also today, the Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to debate bills passed in February by the House of Representatives that, among other things, would limit punitive damage awards to \$750,000 per wrongful act. There now are no limits.

Debate on the bills by the committee was postponed last week. Trial lawyers and business executives still were trying to write compromise bills that could be tolerated by both sides and recommended by the committee to the full 35-member Senate.

Lt. Gov. Don Siegelman has said he would delay debate in the Senate on bills to limit punitive damages, even those recommended by the Judiciary Committee.



NEWS STAFF PHOTO/JUSTIN WEBSTER

PARK PROTEST: Tom Carr, left, and Dan Calloway were among about 100 people who protested against ABC 33/40 Monday in Birmingham's Magnolia Park. The television station has said it will not air

this week's episode of *Ellen*, in which the title character announces she is a lesbian, because it is not appropriate for family viewing. **(See story, Page 1B.)**

1379 Tullie Road • Atlanta, GA 30329



THE REV. JAY NEELY, DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Alabama's ABC 33/40
PO Box 360039
Birmingham, AL 35236

The General manager:

On Friday, I was on my way to Memphis and stopped in Birmingham. I had occasion to see your televised "apology" for not showing "Ellen" as she came "out of the closet". Your rationalization and the action deleting the program from your broadcast schedule was an act of cowardice, a failure to live up to your responsibility to the community, and a concession to the bigotry that is synonymous with George Wallace and Fob James. It is also an insult to the many thousands of men and women who are gay and lesbian.

In addition to the many years I have served in the ministry, I have also worked as a News Reporter and News Director in Radio and Television. Your obligation to serve the public, while watered down by the deregulation fostered during the Reagan administration, has been ignored. Your responsibility to fairness in broadcasting has been ignored.

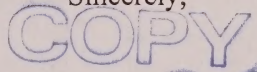
I have lived and worked in the south for over 20 years. Homophobia is neither new nor surprising to me. What is surprising is to witness a major player in the dissemination of information and entertainment, knuckle under to the economic threat of people who would deny basic human rights to millions of Americans.

This is not some small event. I hope, and would counsel my Lesbian and Gay sisters and brothers, to be aware of the people who advertise on your station and to consider wisely what message it sends if they continue to continue use their products and services. I would hope, and would counsel, that we note today the names of those who manage ABC 30/40 and follow closely their career moves.

Being Gay and Lesbian is not something to be hidden after "9 PM". Many of those children you think you are shielding are Gay and Lesbian. These Children

grow up bearing the scars of the unwarranted dismissal of their humanity. We are men and women, veterans, parents, teachers, clergy, doctors, nurses, truck drivers – the whole spectrum of society. Not some dirty little secret to be relegated to the whim of a station manager, but flesh and blood human beings who want nothing more than the equal treatment afforded all citizens of this nation.

Someday, my unfortunate friend, you will understand what heinous bigotry you have given comfort to.

Sincerely,


The Reverend Jay Neely

CC: The Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry, Moderator UFMCC
The Alabama Forum
The Birmingham Post Herald
ABC Network
Covenant MCC - Birmingham
MCC Huntsville
New Hope MCC - Montgomery
MCC Tuscaloosa
Cornerstone MCC - Mobile

David White - GALAA

Michael Wilson ACLU - take out of courts, become activist - ^{make} happen

Bob Burns - NCB

Terry Gunnell - AMERICORPS

Kathy Belon - Nurse -

Craig Daboin - ALA pride - BAD volunt. - common ground - ^{mystic Krewe} of Druids

Rachel Doty - B'ham Now -

← Kevin Snow - B'ham Pride - comic -

Gordon Hein - censorship, Islamend. rights

Laurie - designer

Adam Butler - B'ham Free Thought Soc.

Scott Herring } GLBA-UAB

Amanda Bell }

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Eddie Merrell - CMCC

David Wand - GALAA - H 426-0000 /

Kristy Black - Chapter 2 - Gay yellow pages GALAA

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Vince -

- Carlos Cruz

Carson Long

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Bontwell Aud. 2100 tickets sold \$500
4,000 tickets for sell out.

24 inch table decoration -

Your org. role proud of

Religious "right" is term they are proud of, need to change our terminology - maybe religious "wrong".

Fear abt outcome of ^{the homophobic reaction} controversy is
Hope for how this may come out.

Religious political extremists

Fears - Relig. politic ext will outmaneuver

Portwell Ave. 2100 tickets each \$200
4,000 tickets for \$800.
- 24 inch table decorations -

Younger. John. Grand of

Religious "ride" is then the grand of, need to change our
terminology - maybe religious "worship".

from the outcome of cooperation is
+ this religious position
Hope for how this may come out.

Religious political interests

Fears - Religious political act will outmaneuver

Fears

Relig. political extremists will outmaneuver us.

Lack of unification, cohesiveness, hope that we can be organized - fear that we will look weak, disorganized lack cohesiveness.

Face media puts on it will be standard one, leather/drag.
Fear that we will continue to cringe at that.

Fear that they will take away freedom to watch Ellen.

Afraid of bomb, bomb threat, "class + dress order on door"
reaction to that,

Afraid satellite signal scrambled & 5000 people present.

Fear that Bham gay commu. will be same as they've been before.

Tickle
afraid of ^{his} anger in public.

Fear is in his input; afraid of being accountable for putting his foot in his mouth -
Egos are going to get involved & there will be ego battles.

Fear that level of intolerance will provoke violence.

Fear for safety of participants.

Fear of being manipulated by Disney, etc. just to boost ratings.

Years

kind. political extremist not authoritarian.

lack of confidence, coherence, hope. There can be
organizing - fear that we will not meet, changing

lack coherence.

the machine goes on it will be returned on, back/loop.

There that we will continue to create as that.

from that they will take away freedom to control film.

afraid of bank, bank threat, "crash + burn order on door"
reaction to that.

afraid of battle right assembled a 200 people from

from the human you common. will be same as they've

been before.

trifle

afraid of anger in public.

There is in his right; afraid of being accountable

for putting his foot in the mouth.

There are going to be involved + there will be esp battles.

There the kind of intention will provide evidence.

There for safety of participants.

There of being manipulated by others, etc. from to

have nothing.

Fear I wasn't going to watch show & now pay \$5⁰⁰ to see it.

Fear that it will fizzle out & not involve mainstream middle class who don't wish to be involved.

Fear no one will come.

Don't like to see opposition; take it personally.
Don't want to see family & face in opposition.

Gay & Lesb. rights will get lost in 1st amend rights
It's not going to go anywhere.

Fear we will not capitalize & bring community together.

Fear of a lawsuit if we don't have all bases covered.

"I know community will fizzle afterwards & we know who we can reach out to."

Fear not stay on message.

Afraid not going to be unified about this.

We're gonna fall apart. Need to stand together or it won't work.

Fear of having things imposed on us, fascistic -

for 2 more years going to school & then pay \$200
to see it.

from that it will fringe out & not involve women
middle class who don't want to be involved.

from me one will come.
Don't like to see opposition, take it personally.
Don't want to be unified & face in opposition.

Good & bad. Rights will get lost in the current fight
it's necessary to go and return.

from me will not capitulate & bring community
together.
Don't know if we have done all women
covered.

"I know community will fight after words & we know
who we can reach out to."
from me stay on message.

from me going to be unified about this.
we're gonna face effort. need to stay together. on it now &
work.

from if leaving things unified across, for instance.

What ^{goal} ~~idea~~ would we like to have happen?

To present broad based, broad pic of support for GC and against censorship.

To see Ellen's image in B'ham, build self-esteem for B'ham LBBT+ supporters.

To harp on discrimination + bigotry rather than censorship.

Amounts more to discrimination than censorship, hope people will view character as person $\neq$ certain sexual preference. Person who happens to be gay.

Goal is to show this episode. need to win battle to see rest of episode concerning this.

Everyone will get to see this + get something out of it, bettering understanding. Out of negatives will come positive. We will fight them for censoring.

Meeting $\neq$ Jerry Heilman. B'ham pride makes a bundle of money + shares it. Positive for GC not a negative.

Galvanize progressing community + brings us together.

Johnson of progressive community + having an

Meeting 2 years before. Bismarck gives medals on
humble of money + shares in. Leaders for GC.
was a negative.

will come first. We will fight them for everything.
it, bettering understanding. But of negative
everyone will get to see this + get something out of

no less of episode concerning this.
there is to show this episode. Need to run battle to

actual preferences. Person who happen to be good.
people will view character as person - certain
amount more to discommunities than community, but

to keep on discommunities + fighting within them
community.

to have Bismarck's message in Bismarck, but self-interest for
to have what + supporting.

To preserve that bond, does give of support for GC
and against community.

what ^{good} would we like to have happen?

Find some way to bring broad middle ground into the dialogue.

Face that issue is homophobia not just censorship.

Feel elated and carry into other activities.

See to it that there are bags available and take home full of material about organizations & what they are doing.

What strategies & actions should be taken? to bring more people in.
What is ^{the} key piece ^{that is} missing?

People who are silent and need to take next step, ask them to speak out.

"Every body has an Ellen in their family" Tee shirts

Bring in supporters

What is unifying message?

NGLTF - Groups talking to ea. other.

Hmsx being presented as not fit for human consumption.

find resources to bring back middle ground into
the dialogue

For the issue is transatlantic and just consensus.

Feel elected and carry into other activities.

See to it that there are deep emotions and take
known face of political about organizational & what
they are doing.

What strategies + actions should be taken? to bring more people
What is the piece missing?

People who are silent and need to take next step.
ask them to repeat out.

"Everybody has an illness in their family" The quote

Principles in negotiation

What is unifying message?

WCTF - group talking to each other.
How being presented as not for human communication.

Other orgs get involved - who?

List of others we can be asking for help.

Liberal churches

Advent

Reconciler

St. Andrew

Indep Pres.

Bapt. Covenant

Southside Bapt.

Grace Episc.

Woodlawn Meth. UNITED

✓ better writing,

Boutwell

Protest

Press conf.

Long House?

Protest - Speak Out. Silent yet visual protest.

Religious Political Extremists

Gay bars & sport bars will be having satellites

Instant kit by GLAAD - handle media.

Security??

Saturday? No. Thursday? & Day after showing?

106 x radio station -

Editorial pages - B'ham News, Post-Herald

Sandra Ross Storm - Middle is on our side.

Q How orgs get involved - who?
 First of all we can be asking for help.

Richard Chubb

Robert

Rebecca

St. Andrew

Julia P.

Prof. C.

Prof. D.

Prof. E.

Woodhouse

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Handwritten notes on the left margin.

Book

Project

Press conf.

Project - Special Cont. List of various projects.

Religious Political Experiments

For more + more have will be having satellite

Project - Study of AD - transfer mission.

Account?

Thursday? No. Thursday? Day after tomorrow?

10 x 10 station

Historical paper - Chubb, P. - House

Another line from - possible in our own side.

Press Conf. Tuesday -

Help sell tickets Ticketlink
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Tables - Pride 254-9199

GLAAD Training Mon 28th - Media

Few speakers - what event means to group.

30th Security training -

allow Phelps to ^{find} make fool of himself.

Volunteers - ~~tables~~, ushers, etc banners.

Day of event - Talk to Mark about table decor.

Meet again - ~~Chloe~~ ^{Tues/Wed} 22-23rd 7³⁰ - 9³⁰

Centurions, Soft ball league, bowling league

HRC - Tusc. Hadsden -

Tables available in lobby for literature - flyers.

Tables available in lobby for literature - figures.

HRC - Trans. Workshop.

Continuing, both new language, involving language
Met again - 10:30 AM
7:30 - 9:00 AM

Day of event - Talk to Mark about table design.
Volunteers - ~~booked~~ women, etc. tomorrow.

Below Philip to make face of himself.
- Account for himself.

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Tolson - 624-4199
Help (see tickets) 712-0000 4200
Ticketmaster

Pres Conf. Tuesday -



She wants to be on TV here...

We want her on TV here...

But THEY have said that we can't have her on TV here!

**What can we do about it?
How do we fight ABC 33/40?**

Information from GALAA, the Gay And Lesbian Alliance of Alabama

One television station manager and a couple of board members . . . that is all it took to get the ABC sitcom *Ellen* off the air on April 30. In a blatant act of discrimination and censorship, Jerry Heilman, General Manager of Alabama's ABC 33/40 announced that the station would not be airing the "Coming Out" episode where Ellen Morgan, played by Ellen DeGeneres, comes out as a lesbian.

"Not fit for the family viewing hour" is the excuse Heilman gave for preempting the show. A pair of half-hour specials on Alabama weather and Gene Stallings will be on the ABC airwaves in Birmingham while the rest of America has the chance to witness perhaps the most important television event for our community in history, when the main character of a prime-time show deals with a very real and important situation.

Are you angry? Are you ready to say "I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore?" If you are, then we need you to participate in our efforts to show ABC 33/40 that the lesbian and gay community will not go quietly without a fight.

There is no doubt that via satellite and video tape, everyone who wants to see the program will eventually have that opportunity. That is not the point. . . The point is that Heilman and company have bowed to the pressures of anti-gay religious political extremist views that continuously portray homosexuality as an "unacceptable choice" for YOUR life. They have listened to the rhetoric that we are second-class citizens and they believe it. Do you?

YOU have been discriminated against!

GALAA is working with the community to take a stand against this open attack on our people. We are fighting the latest battle in the war to end the discrimination against us.

We want and need people who will join us 100% and not give up. We are going to bombard the station with our fury via phone, mail, e-mail and we are going to contact their sponsors to let them know that their customers are not happy that they do business with an unfair discriminator.

Stand with us! Believe in yourself and our community!

Only together can we win the battle against discrimination. We MUST let ABC 33/40 know that we are here and we are ANGRY! Our strength will only be realized if we stick together in a single voice.

Join GALAA in the fight to vocalize our desires to be a people in this state free of the burden of discrimination. Get your friends on board with us and let's all stand strongly together.

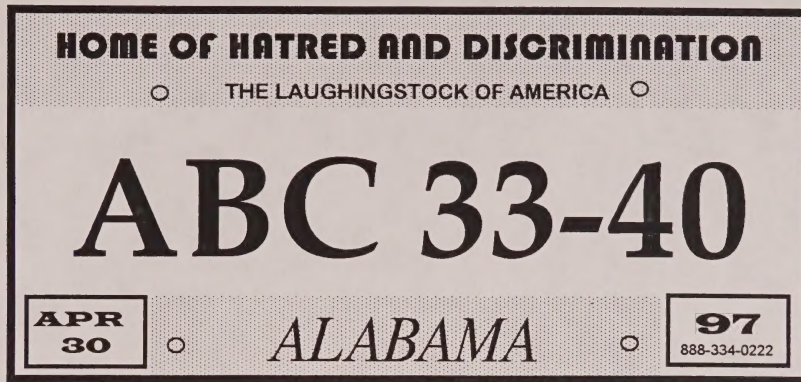
This is about more than just a TV show...it's about all of us...our lives and who we are. Promise yourself and your community that you will fight until the battle's won!

CALL ABC 33/40 at 1-888-334-0222 (or 205-403-3340) Write them at 800 Concourse Parkway, Suite 200, Birmingham, AL 35244. Log onto our Web site (listed below) for a link to their feedback page and e-mail members of their staff. Flood their phone system and e-mail system with our protests DAILY! Overload their FAX machine at 205-403-3329. PROTEST! PROTEST! PROTEST!



**Join
GALAA**

**GALAA
Post Office Box 36784
Birmingham, Alabama 35236-6784
205-GALAA-86**



Thanks to Alabama's ABC 33/40 this is what your next license plate could look like!!

Alabama has another black eye. . . but this time Fob James, Jeff Sessions, and Bill Armistead can't take the credit! Alabama's ABC 33/40 is the ABC station for Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Anniston. Ellen DeGeneres fought to get ABC to film a show about her character, Ellen Morgan, coming out of the closet. This program promises to be a great benefit to people who are dealing with coming out and interacting with their families. It will air on April 30th everywhere in America...

EXCEPT ON ABC 33/40!!

This essentially means that over a million people will not even have the chance to turn it on! Alabama's gay and lesbian community **MUST** stand together on this issue. We encourage people all over Alabama and America to call, write, and e-mail the station with protests.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING FOR THE COMMUNITY BEFORE, NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

Many straight Alabamians are opposed to ABC 33/40's actions. Some feel it is not fair to lesbians and gays. Many others feel it is censorship for a station to simply preempt a program because of content. At any rate, we and our allies need to put pressure on the station. We want them to show the Ellen episode and we want them to think twice before discriminating in the future.

Here's what you need to do...

CALL THEM at **1-888-334-0222** (toll-free in most of Alabama) or **1-205-403-3340**. When the system answers, press **7-1-1**. You will hear a message about extension 3330 (their comment voice mailbox) then be prompted for a comment. Tell them you are **OPPOSED** to their decision, that it is nothing but **censorship** and **homophobia**. Call several times per day from now until April 30. Remember, a large number of anti-gay and right-wing extremist religious groups will have their people calling! We must impress upon this station the fact that we will not stand by and let them run over us on this issue ANY LONGER.

You can write them at **800 Concourse Parkway, Suite 200, Birmingham, AL 35244**.

Our web page (<http://members.aol.com/galaa1>) has a link to their e-mail feedback page. Address your mail and e-mail to the following people:
Jerry Heilman, General Manager Phil Cox, Station Manager Vicki Hurn, Program Director

Make copies of this information sheet and give it to your friends. People are contacting them from all over America...you do not have to live in Birmingham or Alabama to tell this station they are **WRONG!**

On the flip side of the coin, the ABC network (and its parent company Disney) have been very supportive of lesbians and gays. Contact them at the address below and **THANK THEM** for their fairness and support. Ask them to pressure ABC 33/40 into reconsidering. You can reach ABC at the following address/phone number:

Affiliate Relations, American Broadcasting Company, 77 West 66th Street, New York, NY 10023 1-212-456-7177 (M-F 9AM-3PM).

We will update the GALAA contact line 205-GALAA-86 (205-425-2286) with news and information about this story.

REMEMBER...your enemies are flooding ABC 33/40 with comments supporting their decision to keep Ellen in the closet! We must act now to win this battle and help stop the hatred and discrimination in the future.

The whole country is watching Alabama to see what we will do. Comedians are making jokes about us, people are shocked that it has happened in a city the size of Birmingham. Our sources say that we have huge support across the Country. People have called and are willing to come here to protest. But the bulk of the responsibility lies within our borders. This homophobic censorship should make you **VERY ANGRY!!!**

THIS IS A WINNABLE BATTLE FOR THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY!

Your action or inaction could mean the difference between success and failure. Support GALAA and other organizations in our efforts to right this wrong...
 For more information, get in touch with us:

GALAA, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama

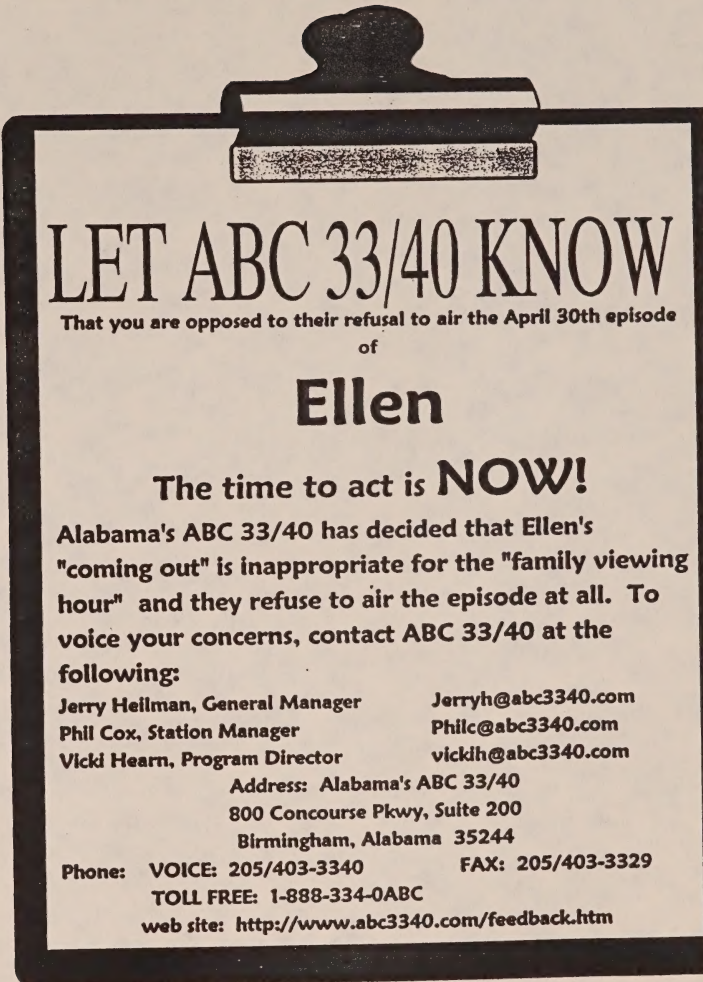
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LET ABC 33/40 KNOW

That you are opposed to their refusal to air the April 30th episode
of

Ellen

The time to act is **NOW!**

Alabama's ABC 33/40 has decided that Ellen's "coming out" is inappropriate for the "family viewing hour" and they refuse to air the episode at all. To voice your concerns, contact ABC 33/40 at the following:

Jerry Heilman, General Manager

Phil Cox, Station Manager

Vicki Hearn, Program Director

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